

REJECTED APPLICANTS FOR NAVY PENSIONS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

Lists of rejected applicants for navy pensions.

JANUARY 24, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *January 20, 1845.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit a report from the Commissioner of Pensions, with lists (marked A and B) of persons who have applied for navy pensions during the past year, and whose claims have been rejected.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. Y. MASON.

HON. JOHN W. JONES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PENSION OFFICE, *January 17, 1845.*

SIR: In conformity with the joint resolution of Congress, passed at the 1st session of the 21st Congress, (No. 7,) dated 29th May, 1830, in relation to applications for pensions, I enclose, herewith, lists of persons (marked A and B) who have applied for navy pensions during the last year, and whose claims have been rejected, because there is no provision by law for such cases, or because, under the rule of evidence adopted by the department, they are excluded from the benefits of the navy pension laws. The reason for rejecting each claim is given in the column of remarks, and is set opposite the name of the applicant.

As the resolution requires such a list only of those who, in the opinion of the department, ought to be placed on the pension list, and as I have been, and am still, at a loss to determine what particular cases were intended to be recommended to the favorable consideration of Congress, I have declined expressing any opinion as to the merits of any case, and merely state the facts as to the cause of rejection, believing that the list, with the remarks subjoined to each case, will afford the best means of attaining the object which Congress had in view in passing the resolution.

After a careful examination of the papers in the cases now reported, I have been unable to discover that there are any claims among them that I should recommend to the consideration of Congress for special legislation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,
J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

HON. J. Y. MASON,
Secretary of the Navy.

A.—List of the names of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, and whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same.

Names of invalid applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
Billy Brown - -	Seaman - -	He was wounded prior to the passage of the act of 23d April, 1800; and the Attorney General has given it as his opinion that no one in the navy, who was disabled before the passage of that act, is entitled to a pension.
Bartholomew Mahoney -	Seaman - -	Dr. Sharp, navy surgeon, certified that he was not entitled to a pension.
Jacob W. Morse -	Purser's steward -	He claims a pension for a wound said to have been received in the late war. Our returns do not show that he was wounded, as stated. By a rule of the Navy Department, to which we invariably adhere, no disability of more than twenty-five years' standing can be proved but by record evidence.
Nathaniel Phillips -	Seaman - -	He claims a pension for a wound said to have been received during the late war, but we have no record evidence of the fact; and by a rule of the Navy Department, to which we invariably adhere, no disability of more than twenty-five years' standing can be proved but by record evidence.
Adam Smith - -	Seaman - -	He claims a pension for an injury alleged to have been received during the Tripolitan war. By a rule of the Navy Department, to which we invariably adhere, no disability of more than twenty-five years' standing can be proved but by record evidence; and we have no such evidence in relation to this case.
William C. Sterrett -	Boy - -	He claims a pension for an injury alleged to have been received in June, 1819. By a rule of the Navy Department, to which we invariably adhere, no disability of more than twenty-five years' standing can be allowed, unless sustained by record evidence; and no such proof exists.

John Wells	-	-	Marine	-	-	He claims a pension for long service in the navy and army. The invalid pension laws do not reach his case, as it does not appear that he ever was disabled by wounds, or otherwise, while in the public service.
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Names of widow applicants.	Rank of their husbands.	Reasons for rejection.
Persis Slater, formerly widow of Saml. Graves.	Pilot - -	She claims a pension for the service of her first husband, who died after he had left the service. There is no law which allows a pension to a widow, unless the husband died while in the naval service of the United States.
Tamizen Tay, formerly widow of Joseph Bamford.	Quartermaster -	She claims a pension under the act of March 3, 1837, for the service of her first husband. The Attorney General has given it as his opinion that the act of the 23d of August, 1842, so far repeals the law of March, 1837, as to exclude any one who filed an application after the 1st of July, 1842.

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